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(e) The likelihood of collecting the debt.

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§ 15.39 Bankruptcy claims.

When the NRC receives information that a debtor has filed a petition in bankruptcy or is the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding, it shall furnish information concerning the debt owed the United States to the appropriate United States Attorney to permit the filing of a claim.

Subpart C—Compromise of a Claim

§ 15.41 When a claim may be compromised.

The NRC may compromise a claim not in excess of the monetary limitation if it has not been referred to GAO or to DOJ for litigation. Only the Comptroller General of the United States or designee may effect the compromise of a claim that arises out of an exception made by the GAO in the account of an accountable officer, including a claim against the payee, prior to its referral by GAO for litigation.

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§ 15.43 Reasons for compromising a claim.

A claim may be compromised for one or more of the reasons set forth below:

(a) The full amount cannot be collected because:

(1) The debtor is unable to pay the full amount within a reasonable time; or

(2) The debtor refuses to pay the claim in full and the Government is unable to enforce collection in full within a reasonable time by enforced collection proceedings.

(b) There is a real doubt concerning the Government's ability to prove its case in Court for the full amount claimed, either because of the legal issues involved or a bona fide dispute as to the facts.

(c) The cost of collecting the claim does not justify the enforced collection of the full amount. The NRC shall apply this reason for compromise in accordance with the guidance in 4 CFR 103.4.

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(d) The NRC shall determine the debtor's inability to pay, the Government's ability to enforce collection, and the amounts which are acceptable in compromise in accordance with the Federal Claims Collection Standards, 4 CFR part 103.

(e) Compromises payable in installments are discouraged, but, if necessary, must be in the form of a legally enforceable agreement for the reinstatement of the prior indebtedness less sums paid thereon. The agreement also must provide that in the event of default—

(1) The entire balance of the debt becomes immediately due and payable; and

(2) The Government has the right to enforce any security interest.

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§ 15.45 Restrictions on the compromise of a claim.

(a) The NRC may not accept a percentage of a debtor's profits nor stock in a debtor corporation in compromise of a claim. In negotiating a compromise with a business concern, consideration is given to requiring a waiver of the tax-loss-carry-forward and tax-loss-carry-back rights of the debtor.

(b) If two or more debtors are jointly and severally liable, collection action is not withheld against one debtor until the other or others pay their proportionate share. The amount of a compromise with one debtor is not considered a precedent or as morally binding in determining the amount which will be required from other debtors jointly and severally liable on the claim.

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§ 15.47 Finality of a compromise.

An offer of compromise must be in writing and signed by the debtor. An offer of compromise which is accepted by the NRC is final and conclusive on the debtor and on all officials, agencies, and courts of the United States, unless obtained by fraud, misrepresentation, the presentation of a false claim, or mutual mistake of fact.